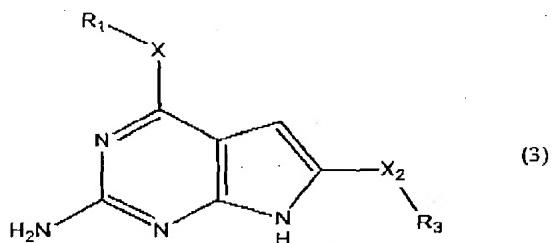


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMSIn the claims:

1-21 (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A compound, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts, solvates and prodrugs thereof, having the formula (3):



where X₁ is NII- and R₁ is present;

X₂ is from one to three atoms, and if R₃ is not present, is independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alkyl group, an alkenyl group, a heteroalkyl group and a heteroalkenyl group, and if R₃ is present, X₂ is selected from the group consisting of an alkylene group, a heteroalkylene group, an alkenylene group and a heteroalkenylene group;

and any carbons or nitrogens of said alkyl group, alkylene group, alkenyl group, alkenylene group, heteroalkyl group, heteroalkylene group, heteroalkenyl group or heteroalkenylene group can optionally be substituted with a straight or branched lower alkyl group or alicyclic group of from 1 to 6 carbons;

R₃ is optionally present;

R₁ is selected from the group consisting of an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group and a substituted alkylheteroaryl group;

if present, R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, an alicyclic group, a heterocyclic group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, an alkylaryl group, an alkylheteroaryl group, a substituted aryl group, a substituted heteroaryl group, a substituted alkylaryl group, a substituted alkylheteroaryl group, and *p*-*aro**yl*-glutamate a 4-(1,3-dicarboxyl propyl amino carbonyl) aryl group;

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and each substituent of any substituted group is the same or different and is selected from the group consisting of a straight or branched lower alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl or alicyclic group of from one to 6 carbons, an alkoxy group, an alkoxyaryloxy group, and a halogen.

23-35 (Cancelled)

36. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein R₁ is *m*-bromophenyl.

37. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein X₂ is CH₂-CH₂.

38. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 2-pyridyl.

39. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is phenyl.

40. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is *p*-methoxyphenyl.

41. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is *o*-chlorophenyl.

42. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 1-naphthyl.

43. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 37, wherein R₃ is 2-naphthyl.

44 -52 (Cancelled)

53. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 22, wherein X₂ is CH₂-.

54. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is phenyl.

55. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2-methylphenyl.

56. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2-chlorophenyl.

57. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2,4-dichlorophenyl.

58. **(Previously Presented)** The compound of Claim 53, wherein R₃ is 2,5-dimethoxyphenyl.